The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godwon) of rice and wheat for ITDP IRPDS continue to be Rs. 50j- per quintal less than for PDS. No increase has been made in the Central issue price (ex-FCI godown) of coar-segrains and it continues at Rs. 119l per quintal for PDS and at Rs. 149l-per quintal for ITDP/RPDS as fixed from 1st October, 1990.

(c): The increases made in the Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of price and wheat during 1990, 1991 aid 1993 were as follows:—

(Rs per quintal)

Effective from	Increase made		
	RICE		
	Common	Fine	Superfine
25-06-90	45.00	45.00	45.00
28-12-91	88.00	88.00	88.00
11-01-93	60.00	60.00	60.00
	WHEAT		
01-05-90	30.00		
28-12-91	46.00		
11-01-93	50.00		

(d) The Central issue prices (ex-FCI godown) of rice and wheat are increased from time to time to Par-tially absorb the increase in the procurement prices of paddy and wheat. The Central issue prices are far below the economic cost of foodgrains.

(e) After taking into effect the increase of the Central issue? prices of rice and wheat the consumer subsidies will be as under:—

(Rs per quintal)

	Wheat	Rice
1992-93	216.19	152.00
1993-94	229.06	149.04

Licensed Sugar Mills in Coopertivc Sector in UP

1398. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of licensed Sugar Mills inCooperative Sector in Uttar Pradesh is held up due to non-availability of funds from financial institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action is contemplated to be taken to make available loans to these factories on easy terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI

KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) As on 31-1-1993, 6 letters of intent issued for establishment of new sugar mills in the co-operative sector in Uttar Pradesh, are pending imple mentation. The financial institutions have informed that in one case term loan has been sanctioned, two Other cases, are pending consideration and in the remaining 3 cases, applications are yet to be received by them.

(c) Keeping in view the increase in project cost, a new incenitve scheme has been formulated by the Government which would enable the financial institutions to consider the pending applications.

Progress of National Action Plans

1399. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD be plensed to state:

(a) whether Government have made any progress in regard to the national action plans to combat hunger and malnutrition, as agreed in the Rome International Conference Dn Nutrition: and

(b) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Substantial progress has been made, both by the Central as well as State Governments, to combat hunger and malnutrition as agreed in the International Conference on Nutrition held at Rome. Some of the areas where action has already been taken are briefly mentioned in the annexed statement. (See below). The existing programmes will, however, be examined in detail to modify/expand them so that the goals set *ha* the World Declaration and Plan of Action on Nutrition could be achieved in the shortest possible time.

Statement

Some major components of the National Action Plan proposed for the International Conference on Nutrition held in Rome in December, 1992.	Action being taken by Government of India
1. To make all efforts to eliminate before the end of this decade :	
(a) Famine and famine-related deaths and starvation affected by natural and man-made disasters.	A Cabinet Committee on Natural Calamities has been constituted to examine, direct and control programmes for reducing the adverse impact of natural calamities and to direct and monitor implementation of relief measures in the wake of natural calamities Keeping in view the objectives and strategies enunciated by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution, a National Advisory Council has been constituted which includes participation of State Governments, Scientific and Technical Organisations and Non-Governmental Organisations Execution of relief operations in the wake of natural calamities is primarily the responsibilities of the State Governments concerned A Committee headed by the Chief Secretary has been empowered to decide fhn all matters connected with relief operations
(b) Iodine and Vitamin A deficiencies	National Goitre Control Programme and the prophylaxis programmes against blindness due to Vitamin 'A' deficiency among children aim at achieving this goal. These actions are supplemented with interventions like fortification of foodstuff